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In re Application of :  
Minoru Kusakabe et al :  
Application No. 10/601,772 :  
Filed: June 24, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 00862.023108 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed, March 14, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

**Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 9, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.**

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2621 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

  
Irvin Dingle  
Petitions Examiner  
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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).